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A Janesville man has been arrested and charged in federal court with threatening to blow up a federal building in Milwaukee, United States Attorney Steven M. Biskupic and FBI Special-Agent-in-Charge David Mitchell announced September 29, 2004.

According to a criminal complaint, STEVEN J. PARR (d/o/b 11/12/64) made plans and statements purportedly planning to destroy the Reuss Federal Plaza at 310 W. Wisconsin.

The building, which is privately owned, is a 14-story structure that houses federal government agencies on 13 of its floors. More than 800 federal employees work there on a daily basis.

If convicted, Parr faces up to life in prison.

According to the complaint, Parr has recently been incarcerated for a state charge related to marijuana possession. He was scheduled to be transferred to a halfway-house in the Janesville area when arrested by the FBI.

The complaint states that Parr told a cell mate of a plan to blow up a federal building using a delivery truck loaded with explosive materials. The conversation was secretly recorded by the FBI.

Although the complaint details some vagueness regarding when Parr intended to act, further investigation by the FBI and U.S. Homeland Security agents revealed evidence that Parr:

- *previously spoke of retaliating against law enforcement when he got out of prison;

- *previously kept chemicals and anti-government literature, including a bomb-making book titled, The Anarchist Cookbook;

- *possessed large drums capable of holding chemicals; and

- *previously engaged in activities with incendiary devices.

According to the complaint, the evidence also showed that Parr:

- *spoke favorably of Timothy McVeigh and Ted Kaczynski (the “Unibomber”) and even has a tattoo with “uni” and a time bomb on his right arm;

- *believed that federal authorities dictated policy to state officials; and

- *had conducted surveillance of the Ruess building.

Also according to the criminal complaint, Parr stated that he “absolutely” intended to blow up a building and that “someone’s going to get it.” Parr also allegedly stated that destroying a federal building “would sure change the attitude of the country” and “would make a wonderful statement.”

The FBI asks that anyone with information regarding Parr’s activities to contact the FBI at 414-276-4684.

The case was investigated by agents of the FBI and Homeland Security. The State Department of Corrections and the Janesville Police Department also provided assistance. The lead prosecutor on the case is Assistant U.S. Attorney Tim Funnel.

Parr was expected to make his first appearance in federal court in Green Bay late on September 29.

The public is cautioned that a criminal complaint is the formal method of issuing charges and does not, in and of itself, create an inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until such time if ever, as the government established his or her guilty by competent evidence beyond a reasonable doubt.

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